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(*d*) whether proposals for providing necessary staff for socio-economic work have been received by Government and if so, what orders have been passed thereon ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. This work is attended to by the regular inspecting staff as part of their duties.

(*c*) & (*d*) Proposals have been made by the Director of Fisheries for strengthening the inspecting staff on the ground that the existing staff is unable to devote adequate attention to the inspection of fish-curing yards, fishermen schools and co-operative societies. No orders have yet been passed on the proposals pending receipt of the report of the Madras Fisheries Committee.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know when the Fisheries Committee had its last meeting and when it is expected to submit its report ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I cannot say off-hand ; I want notice, Sir."

Industries

Development of the coir industry in South Kanara.

* 1205 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Department of Industries has at any time investigated the possibilities of developing the coir industry in South Kanara ; and

(*b*) if not, whether it is proposed to do anything in the matter hereafter at least ?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Special Officer on the Survey of the Cottage Industries has dealt with the coir industry in the South Kanara district and his report will shortly be taken up for examination.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether the Special Officer has made any suggestion for the development of this industry ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB :—" May I know what is his suggestion ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" It is published in the report and the hon. Member may verify it."

Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB :—" May I know when the report was taken into consideration ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" As early as practicable."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know whether the Minister has perused this report ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" He must."